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Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 8, 13, 24-29 and 32 as follows:

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8. (Amended) The stage assembly of claim 7 wherein the control system utilizes the measured position of the first fiducial mark relative to the first X mirror and the second X mirror, and the measured position of the second fiducial mark relative to the first X mirror and the second X mirror to determine the position of the first X mirror relative to the second X mirror.

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13. (Amended) An exposure apparatus comprising:
a first movable stage that moves in a first direction and a second direction different from the first direction, the first movable stage holding a first substrate and having a

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